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Newsletter – Friday 26th May 2017

Well another half term has come to an end. School will close today and re – open for children on **Monday 5th June 2017 (first bell at 8:50am with school starting at 8:55am)**. You will find, attached to this newsletter/email, a list of the key dates for the next half term. Your child will bring home with them their most recent attendance data (Tuesday 6th September 2016 – Friday 19th May 2017). See below for class attendance updates for the same time period:

Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%
YR:EP	95.64%	Y1CS	95.69%	Y3VG	95.73%	Y5NC	97.28%
YR:NT	96.36%	Y1/2EG	95.16%	Y3/4DF	96.52%	Y5/6JW	96.57%
		Y2OB	96.67%	Y4HJ	94.44%	Y6JY	96.69%

School closure – School will be closed to children on **Thursday 8th June 2017** as we will be being used as a polling station for the **General Election**. The residential trip for Y6 to London will still go ahead on this day.



School Books – In order to support our transition activities across school and ensure that your child makes a more effective start to their learning in September, this year we will be doing something slightly different with children's exercise books. When children return to school on Monday 5th June, every child from Reception – Y5 will be starting their new 'September' exercise books in each subject area. This will support your child's new teacher in September as they will be able to look back at the standard of work the child has produced in their final six weeks of their previous year group, when in theory, they should be producing their 'best' work! We feel this will help teachers in September to plan a more effective start to the children's learning. Children starting in both our Nurseries will start new books in September. All Books from children in Nursery (both sites) will be passed up and used in Reception at our school in September. Exercise books are usually all sent home at the end of the year, with a sample of school books being kept by class teachers each year. We will continue with this and the school books from this year (used until today) will be sent home at the same time as annual school reports.

Reward system – In school we have recently been discussing the effectiveness of our current whole school reward system (The Star Charts) and we are currently considering other options. Many teachers have their own internal class rewards and we have certificates awarded by teachers each week. We have increasingly found that, the children have become less involved with their star charts for many different reasons. We would love all our children to want to learn and behave because it is the 'right thing to do' and not necessarily because they are collecting 'stars'. However, as some extra motivation may be needed for some children, we feel that there still is a place for such a system. Therefore, Mrs Wright will be speaking to the School Council and asking for their ideas and options, but if you as parents/carers would like to contribute to this, then please send any suggestions into school to **Mrs Wright by Friday 9th June**, as we look to amend our approach for September start.



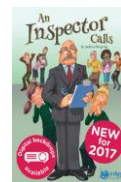
Sun protection – It seems ironic that I am typing this part of the newsletter on what has been the 'rainiest day' of the month! However, I am thinking positive, that over the next few weeks we will have some improved weather! As children will be outside for a relatively short period of the day we advise that they should come to school with a water bottle, a sun hat and sun glasses and that any sun cream should be applied at home before children come to school so that re-application in school will not be necessary. We will adapt any outdoor activities within our Early Years and PE sessions and children will be encouraged to drink from their water bottles on a regular basis throughout the day.

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Outdoor PE kit – It's great to see in PE lessons how smart the children look wearing our school indoor PE kit (modelled left by Oliver). From September onwards, for children in Y1 – Y6 we will be adopting an 'official' outdoor PE kit as part of our school uniform. The kit we would like children to wear consists of the school hoody and jogging trousers, dark leggings or school shorts for outdoor PE lessons (modelled by Lyra on the picture). Children should not be wearing football shirts/kits or brightly t-shirts/joggings trousers for outdoor PE. Children in Y1 – Y6 have one outdoor PE lesson each week and, in order to make learning time more effective, we are considering that on these days, children could come to school already dressed in their **outdoor PE kit**. Should you have any comments about this (coming to school dressed in outdoor PE kit) then please do not hesitate to contact me in school by **Friday 16th June**. We will let you know the final decision before we break for summer.

KS2 end of year production – Rehearsals for Y6 children have begun, now the children know the part they will be playing in the end of year KS2 production. Y6 children will now need to spend the half term break learning their lines so that upon their return to school, they can 'polish' off their performance by practicing on stage without the need for scripts. We are planning to have **two performances: Monday 10th July (1:45pm) and Wednesday 12th July (6pm)**. Although Y6 make up the main actors for this performance, the children from Y3, Y4 and Y5 play a major role in making up the choir that sings all the songs during the play (which is a key aspect as the songs help to tell the story). Pop these dates in your diary and look out for the letter coming out after half term. Details about tickets, and the order they will be sold in, is included on the dates letter attached to this newsletter/email.



Music alive – Children in Y2 - Y6 will experience a visit on Wednesday 7th June from a group of musicians from Wigan Music Service who will perform a number of musical pieces, using a variety of instruments. Should your child be interested in learning a musical instrument then contact Mrs Mutch in the school office.



London residential – Thursday 8th June will see 33 Y6 children and four staff members from St. George's Central set off to on a residential trip to London. This is the first time we are undertaking this as a trip with our children, however we are planning for this to be a permanent 'fixture' in our school calendar each year. The trip will link with the work the children have been undertaking on Shakespeare in English as the trip will start with a visit to the Globe theatre and will finish with a stop off in Stratford Upon Avon. Within this there will also be a bus tour of London and a trip to the theatre to watch the musical 'Matilda'. I am sure they will have a great time away from home, experiencing all these different activities in our capital city.



Y1/2 Phonics tests – During week beginning Monday 12th June, the children in Y1 and some children in Y2 will undertake a phonics test. This will delivered by staff in school and will involve the children being tested on their knowledge of the sounds of letters, and groups of letters, within words. The children are typically asked to say the sound/word from a given list. There is a national standard that children are expected to achieve – your child's result will be included in their end of year report that will be send out in July.

Y6 leavers' service – Thursday 15th June will see our Y6 children attend a leavers' service at Manchester Cathedral. This service is held annually and involves all the Y6 children from across the Manchester Diocese. This event will take place during the morning and, because of the space available, unfortunately no parents/carers are able to attend. However plans are well on the way for our very own leavers' service for Tyldesley schools to take place on Friday 14th July at St. George's Church – keep your eye on the next newsletter for more details.



St. George's Central Summer Fair – This will take place in school on **Friday 16th June (3:30pm – 5:30pm)** and will include lots of different stalls in our school hall, library and on the playground (weather permitting). There will be a raffle, throwing wet sponges, beat the goalie, chocolate and wine tombola, name the teddy, spin the wheel, nail painting and much more. In order to ensure that we have a really successful event, **we are going to have a non-uniform day on Friday 9th June** and for this we are asking that people bring in either tombola items, chocolates or a bottle of wine (this can be one per family and not each individual child). We also need empty screw top wine bottles and newspapers (these can be sent into school at any time before the event). I hope to see you there.

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Reception and Nursery Worship – At 9:15am on **Friday 23rd June**, both **Reception classes** will join together for their Class Worship in our school hall. **Friday 30th June will be the turn of the Nursery children**, who again will come to the school hall for a 9:15am Class Worship. On both days, all parents/carers and wider family members are invited to attend as the children showcase their learning and you will be invited to remain in school for a ‘stay and play’ session following the Worship, should you wish.

Healthy Selfie – Our Healthy-Selfie display is building up quite nicely in school. Continue to send us pictures to school of your child taking part in sporty/healthy activities (enquiries@admin.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk)



ADVANCED NOTICE Sports days – The dates for these are as follows (weather permitting):

Monday 26th June – Key Stage 2 (9:30am start on the school field)

Tuesday 27th June – Reception and Key Stage 1 (9:30am start on the school field and playground)

Wednesday 28th June – Nursery (9:30am start on the school field)



You are very welcome to attend these events and in most cases you will be able to follow your child/ren to each station.

ATSA Events



Charity Adult football match – Saturday 6th May saw a team of staff from the ATSA schools (Atherton and Tyldesley) take on a team of ‘celebrities’ in a football match at Atherton Collieries. The game ended in a 4-1 victory for the ATSA team and nearly £2,000 was raised for charity. Thanks to everyone who came along to support on the day.



Football league (Tyldesley section) – All the matches that are to be played this year have now been played – some schools have been unable to fulfill fixtures and so when all of this has been taken into account I am pleased to inform you that the team from **St. George’s Central are the official league winners!** Well done to all the children who have taken part in matches over the last few months. The team now qualifies to play the winners of the Atherton football league on Friday 14th July in the annual ‘play off’ match.



Tag Rugby festival – Thursday 18th May saw our tag rugby team take part in an ATSA festival at Meadowbank School with nine other schools. The children from St. George’s Central played really well managing to qualify, from their group, for the final where they met Hindsford. In an exciting final match I am pleased to inform you that the team successfully **won 3 – 0 to become the 2017 KS2 Tag Rugby champions!** Children who took part in this were: Daniel Clarke, Rachel Clarke, Toby Davies, Heidi Marsh, Thomas Marsh, Jemima Mayingi, Daniel Senior and Oliver Sincup.



Kickgolf taster session – Four children from Y3/4 enjoyed a ‘Kickgolf’ taster session at Boomers and Swingers Golf Range in Astley earlier this week. The game has the same format and principles as golf but players kick a football, aiming to get it in the hole in the least number of ‘kicks’. Please contact Nick Solski at the club if you would like more details about this. (nick@nicksolski.com)



Before the next newsletter, children from St. George’s Central will be taking part in:

- **Crown Green Bowling sessions** **Girls’ netball league** **Sports Psychology** **Cycle Speedway taster session**
- **KS2 Track and Field Athletics** **Football ‘cup’ competition** **Kwik Cricket Festival**

The next newsletter will be emailed out to you on Friday 23rd June. Paper copies of the newsletter will be made available at the school office for you to pick up should you wish. Have a great half term and month ahead.

Mr M Grogan – Headteacher

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